

Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 4:00 PM

GISD Administrative Board Room
1615 St Lawrence St.
P O Box 157
Gonzales, Texas 78629

Agenda

1. Call to Order
Presenter: Board President
 - 1.A. Roll Call
Presenter: Board President
 - 1.B. Invocation:
Presenter: Gloria Torres
 - 1.C. Pledge:
Presenter: Naomi Brown
 - 1.D. Mission Statement:
Presenter: Josie Smith-Wright
2. Public Comments

Presenter: Justin Schwausch, Board President
3. New Business/Action Items
 - 3.A. Discuss and Consider Action on the 2026-27 Academic Calendar
Presenter: Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools
4. Adjourn to Closed session: Under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, The board will recess this open session and convene in a closed meeting to discuss items on the agenda. The board may conveniently meet in such a closed or executive session or meeting, concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Texas government code chapter 551:
Presenter: Board President
 - 4.A. Superintendent Evaluation
 - 4.B. Facilities
5. Recovene to Open Meeting: The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session
Presenter: Board President
6. Adjourn



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SUBJECT: Public Comments

RATIONAL SUMMARY:

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Before we begin, I will remind our audience members of the Board's procedures for handling public comments. The public comment portion of our meeting is available to members of the public who wish to address a meeting item on tonight's agenda or other matter pertaining to Gonzales ISD.

Anyone who wants to speak during public comments must sign in before the start of the meeting and list the agenda item they want to discuss. Each public comment speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board. If necessary for effective meeting management, or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, we may shorten the time for each individual wishing to present comments. The public comment portion of the meeting will allow all speakers who have signed up before the start of the meeting to address the Board regarding an item on tonight's agenda. Persons requiring a translator will be given additional time.

Please keep your comments or criticisms civil and courteous. Please also avoid using profanity during your opportunity to speak. Last, we ask you not discuss students who are not your child.

If a speaker is seeking Board resolution of a specific complaint, that concern should be addressed through the district's grievance process. District policy DGBA has been established for addressing employee complaints, policy FNG is the avenue for filing parent complaints, and policy GF address community member complaints. Grievance forms can be obtained at the Gonzales ISD Administration Office.





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ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Action on the 2026-27 Academic Calendar

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Dr. Dana Arreola, Superintendent of Schools

RATIONAL SUMMARY:

At the April 13, 2026, board meeting, the 2026–2027 Academic Calendar was approved. Administration has since requested that the start times previously included on the calendar be removed.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve

SAMPLE MOTION:

" I move that the board approve the 2026-27 academic calendar with the removal of start times as presented."



2026 - 2027 Gonzales ISD Calendar

July						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July 4 Independence Day
July 30-31 New Teacher Inservice

August						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Aug 3-11 Teacher Report/Staff Dev
Aug 12 Student First Day

September						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sept 4 Early Release
Sept 7 Student/Staff Holiday
Sept 18 Early Release

October						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Oct 5 District Holiday _ Come & Take It
Oct 23 Early Release/Parent Teacher Conf

November						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Nov 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Break

December						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Dec 18 Early Release
Dec 21 - Dec 31 Winter Break

January						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Jan 1 Winter Break
Jan 4-5 Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Jan 6 Students Return
Jan 18 Student/Staff Holiday; MLK Jr Day

February						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Feb 15-16 Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Feb 26 Early Release Parent/Teacher

March						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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March Student Holiday/Staff Dev/Conferences
March 15-19 Spring Break
March 26 Good Friday

April						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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May						
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May 14 & 21 Bad Weather Days
May 27 Last Day of Instruction
May 28 Teacher Work Day

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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175 Days Minutes: Elm 4 = 81,375 GNA/GJH 82,250 GHS 83,300 (Target Min 75,600)

Legend	
	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
	First Day, Return Day or Last Day of Student Instruction
	Early Release
	Testing Window
	New Teacher Inservice
	District Closed/Staff/Student Holiday

Grading Periods	
Term	Dates
1st	Aug 12 - Oct 9
2nd	Oct 12 - Dec 18
3rd	Jan 6 - March 12
4th	March 22 - May 28
Graduation: May 28, 2027 @ 7:30 pm	
Summer School: June 7	

UIL Eligibility Chart (for Grades 6-12)				
Report Name	Name - Abbreviation	Grading Period Ends	Grades Online by Midnight	Final Grades Posted to Skyward Lose or Gain UIL Eligibility
Progress Report	Progress Report 1 - P1			
Eligibility Report	Progress Report 2 - P2			
Report Card	Term 1 - T1			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 3 - P3			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 4 - P4			
Report Card	Term 2 - T2			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 5 - P5			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 6 - P6			
Report Card	Term 3 - T3			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 7 - P7			
Eligibility/Progress Report	Progress Report 8 - P8			
Report Card	Term 4 - T4			



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Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.072: Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Section 551.074: Personnel Matters; Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Closed Meeting.

No voting will take place in the closed meeting. Any action the board wishes to take as a result of discussions in a closed session will take place after the board reconvenes in an open meeting. Today's date is _____ and it is _____ p.m./am

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE:

RATIONAL SUMMARY:

- A. Superintendent Evaluation
- B. Facilities

